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SUBJECT: CIA ACCUSED OF CAUSING PROBLEMS BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND
VENEZUELA

1. IN A STORY TITLED "CIA BEHIND DETERIORATING RELATIONSIMETWEEN
COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA", THE NOTORIOUSLY SENSATIONALIST AND UNRELIABLE

EL BOGOTANO REPORTED FEB 4 THAT THE VENEZUELAN CONSUL IN
BARRANQUILLA AQUILES YIBIRIN DENOUNCED "FOREIGN INTERESTS" FOR CAUSING

PROBLEMS BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA. ASKED BY A REPORTER IF THE
"FOREIGN INTERESTS" MIGHT BE THE CIA, YIBIRIN REPORTEDLY
WOULD NEITHER CONFIRM NOR DENY THE POSSIBILITY.

2. YIBIRIN REFERRED TO SEVERAL RECENT INCIDENTS BETWEEN COLOMBIA AND
VENEZUELA. HE CITED A REPORT, LATER PROVED FALSE, THAT THE VENEZUELAN
MILITARY HAD RECENTLY KILLED SEVERAL COLOMBIANS IN LA GUAJIRA, NEAR
THE VENEZUELAN-COLOMBIAN BORDER, THE SEIZURE BY COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES
OF VENEZUELAN FISHING VESSELS, AND THE REQUEST BY COLOMBIWM SINGER
CLAUDIA TO VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ THAT VENEZUELA RETURN THE ISLAS
DE LOS MONJES TO COLOMBIA. YIBIRIN REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THESE ODD
OCCURRENCES COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY INTERESTS
DISTINCT FROM THOSE OF COLOMBIA AND VENEZUELA.

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3. EMBASSY COMMENT: CHARGES OF CIA MEDDLING ALONG THE BORDER
HAVE APPEARED IN THE COLOMBIAN PRESS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS

OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS ALWAYS WITH A CARACAS DATELINE.

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